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BLOCKADE SITUATION IS BECOMING TENSE

Sinking of Second U. S. Ship May Have Grave Developments.

OFFICIALS IN FEAR

British Steamer Sunk Off Folkstone Today—Crew Saved.

By United Press.
LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Admiralty this afternoon practically admitted the loss of the converted cruiser Clan McNaughton in the recent storm. The estimated casualties, according to an official statement, are 279.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Though apparently calm, the nation's officials secretly admit their fear of developments in the blockade situation, which has resulted in the mining and destruction of another American vessel, the Carib. They are bent upon efforts to obtain exemption for American shipping. The government has communicated with England and Germany informally, seeking freedom for ships not molesting anyone's rights. They are trying to reach an understanding on shipments of food to Germany. The entire problem hinges on the latter point. It is hinted that the administration has agreed to allow consuls to supervise the distribution of food, that they may provide against the supplies reaching the soldiers.

War Minister Van Dyke has reported to this government that the Carib was sunk by a German mine in the North Sea on a route outside that which Germany prescribed.

By United Press.
LONDON, Feb. 24.—Within twenty-four hours, in a few miles of the British coast, German submarines have torpedoed three vessels, sinking the British steamer Oakby and the Norwegian steamer Regin and damaging the collier Franksome Chine.

The crew of the Oakby was rescued by a fishing vessel, which, although 4 miles distant at the time of the explosion, was rocked violently by the blast.

A French destroyer in the Channel is reported to have sunk a German submarine.

The admiralty reported this afternoon that the armed merchant cruiser Clan McNaughton, missing since February 3, is now presumed to have been lost during the recent gale around the British coast.

The War Office press bureau denied the German statement that a British troop ship was sunk in the English Channel yesterday. The office says that the Germans are probably referring to the attack on the government collier Franksome Chine, which was torpedoed off Beachy Head yesterday. Eighteen of the crew of the sinking collier reached the shore. They said the captain and mate had remained on the ship, hoping to be able to bring it to shore.

The Cabinet met today the prime object being presumably the mapping of reprisals against Germany for her blockade. The details of a plan concerning an attack by the Allies to force the abandonment of the German anti-food naval campaign are expected to be made public by nightfall. It is rumored that the navy is about to begin an important movement.

By United Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 24.—That a German submarine sank the British Transport No. 192 in the English Channel just off Beachy Head, England yesterday, was officially announced today. (This news passed by the British censor.) No details concerning the loss of life have been made public.

Russian reinforcements seeking to relieve the defeated armies have been beaten in these last attempts at offensive campaign, official dispatches said this afternoon.

Twelve hundred Russians and two cannons were captured at Pryasnyz. The Russians are seeking to prevent concentration for a drive against Novo Georgievsk. The Germans east of Augustov checked the Russians. There are desperate minor conflicts in the west. The Germans advanced near Sulzern, capturing 500 prisoners. The situation in the West is favorable.

By United Press.
VIENNA, Feb. 24.—It is reported here that the Croats captured the strong fortified position of the Russians south of the Danube river. They also were successful in repelling several counter-attacks and captured 550 prisoners.

CADET OFFICERS APPOINTED

E. E. MacMorland Is Promoted From Major to Colonel.

Second semester appointments of commissioned officers for the cadet corps were made at the regular military drill this afternoon. E. E. MacMorland was promoted from major to colonel, to take the place of Glenn Babb, who left school at the close of the first semester. H. B. Gibson was promoted from captain to major of the first battalion.

For the first time in a number of years, a re-organization of the companies was unnecessary. In past years, there has always been a decided decrease in the number of students enrolled in military at the beginning of the second semester, necessitating a re-organization of the companies. This semester, there was no decrease. The companies average sixty-five men, with a total of more than six-hundred men in the entire corps.

The new appointments of commissioned officers in the company are: B Company, R. C. Badger, second lieutenant; C Company, C. A. Clark, first lieutenant; E Company, M. B. Bell, Captain, T. M. Cornell, first lieutenant, R. R. Miller, second lieutenant; F Company, G. P. Crutchfield, second lieutenant; G Company, V. F. Loomis; H Company, Asbury Roberts, second lieutenant.

The new appointments for staff and non-commissioned officers have not been announced.

DR. DIGGES TO WED

His Engagement to Mrs. Frances Cook Clay Is Announced.

Announcement was made here today of the engagement of Dr. C. W. Digges of Columbia to Mrs. Frances Cook Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Cook, of Jefferson City. The wedding will take place April 15 at the home of Mrs. Clay's parents.

The engagement was informally announced in Jefferson City a few days ago and has been known here by a few friends of Dr. Digges. Dr. Digges has had dental offices here several years and lives at the Athens Hotel. He is a member of the Columbia Club.

After the wedding, which will be attended only by a few friends, the couple will take an Eastern trip. They will live in Columbia.

ACADEMIC TICKET WINS

Ag-Engineer Combine Secures Only One Office in Freshman Election.

By the aid of a large number of University women, the Academic Freshmen politicians defeated the Ag-Engineer combine of that class. The Academic ticket with the exception of secretary was elected. Wilson Hicks, the Academic candidate for president, was elected by a large majority. Speeches were made by the various candidates and Freshmen talked upon hazing and woman suffrage.

The vote on the candidates was as follows: President, Hicks 213, Miller 166; vice-president, Fred Gableman 198, Robert Barnhart 185; secretary, Jena Dee Imhoff 161, Helen Hestwood 223; treasurer, Bernard Hurwitz 197, Sam Shirkey 186; sergeant-at-arms, "Pewee" Farris, unanimous. The election was by secret ballot and conducted by the Student Council.

FOOTBALL CANDIDATES OUT

Spring Practice Begins Tomorrow—Three Captains to Have Charge.

The first call for spring football candidates was issued today. All varsity men, candidates for last year's team, and freshmen, are requested to be at Rothwell Gymnasium at 4 o'clock Thursday. The practice will be under the direction of H. F. Schulte. Former Captains "Chuck" Wilson and "Liz" Clay and Captain-elect Jake Speelman will have charge of the work. "The spring training will be punting, forward passing, running down punts and falling on the ball," says Coach Schulte. "It is our purpose to get every man as near perfect in the preliminary work as possible. Spring practice is used in every large school and is a great help toward building up a winning team the next fall."

SAMPSON HALL GIRL BURNED

Miss Ruby Harstine's Hand Injured When Flashlight Powder Explodes.

Miss Ruby Harstine of Sampson Hall burned her hand severely while taking flashlight pictures Monday. Miss Harstine was taking pictures of the Martha Washington decorations when flashlight powder spilled on the burning fuse.

SERIES WITH KANSAS TO MAKE A CHAMPION

If Jayhawkers Take One Game Valley Title Will Be Theirs.

TIGERS HAVE CHANCE

But They Must Win Twice to Capture Lead in Conference Race.

The two basketball games with Kansas which will be played tonight and tomorrow night probably will decide the basketball championship of the Missouri Valley Conference. If Kansas wins either game, the championship will fall to the Jayhawkers. If Missouri wins both games the championship will hang in the balance till the Tigers have played the Kansas Aggies next week.

The standing of the other teams of the conference has little or no chance for a change. Nebraska, Drake and Ames have finished the season. Washington cannot climb above fifth place if she should win all six of her remaining games with the Tigers, Kansas University and the Kansas Aggies.

The Tigers who played in the game of last week are all hopeful of victory at home. Three of the Kansas men were playing on a court to which they had been accustomed for seven years.

The standing of the teams in the conference follows

	Won	Lost
Kansas	9	1
Missouri	4	2
Nebraska	8	4
Drake	4	5
Ames	3	7
Kansas Aggies	3	7
Washington	0	4

The games tonight and tomorrow night will start promptly at 8 o'clock after preliminary games between inter-department teams. Gymnastic teams will perform between halves. The yell leaders and band have been solicited for the games and probably will be present. Four hundred reserved seats and 1200 seats for general admission have been arranged. Every woman who attends is assured of a seat. A special section will be reserved and regardless of whether the girls have reserved seats, they will not have to stand.

Missouri	position	Kansas
Wear	forward	Sproull
Drum	forward	Sorenson
Williams	center	Weaver
Palfreyman	guard	Dunmire
Speelman	guard	Folks
Hyde		Kaiser

Officials: Quigley, referee; Lowman, umpire.

After the game the officials and coaches will form a team and play one of the class or regimental teams. The team of past stars will be composed of Quigley, of St. Mary's; Lowman, of Manhattan, Tiger coach in 1909-10; Hamilton of K. U.; Van Gent of Missouri and some M men of the University, probably George Taaffe.

HAS COURSE IN JOURNALISM

Westport High School at Kansas City Teaches Principles of Profession.

The Westport High School in Kansas City has established a class in journalism. This class, which meets for an hour each day, is in charge of C. T. Goodale of the English department.

The class publishes a news sheet every two weeks, "The Crier." The remainder of the time is spent in discussing the ideals and principles of newspaper work.

The purpose, says Mr. Goodale, is to eradicate any false ideas high school students may have regarding the production of a newspaper, and to enable them, to test as far as possible, any inclinations they may have toward that profession.

DEAD-LOCK IN PRIZE FIGHT

Jess Willard Refuses to Train Until Johnson Arrives in Juarez.

By United Press.
EL PASO, Feb. 24.—Jess Willard stuck to his refusal to train any more until Johnson arrived in Juarez and a definite date is set for the fight. It is considered certain that it will not occur on March 6.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Constitutional Junta stated positively that if Jack Johnson invades Carranza's sphere he will be arrested and turned over to the United States authorities.

TOO EARLY MARRIAGE REASON FOR POVERTY

Causes 90 Per Cent of Cases, Asserts D. E. Major, Charity Agent.

"INCOME CUT DOWN"

Husband Makes \$9 or \$10 a Week—Combined Wages Formerly Were \$15.

Early marriages are a cause of poverty. Many objections have been made against the marriage of young persons by those who have studied the matter, but in Columbia there is a convincing argument against the practice in the records of the Charity Organization Society.

"Ninety per cent of our poverty cases are caused by too early marriage," said D. E. Major, field secretary of the Charity Organization Society. "We have calls for help every winter from families where the father is not over 25 years old and the mother not over 23."

"Many young people marry when they are between 16 and 20 years old. They have no permanent income. Where perhaps both worked before their marriage, the girl now stays at home. If their total earnings were \$15 a week while they were saving up a little to get married, they are now cut to about \$9 or \$10, and that depends always on the abundance of general labor."

"The laws of Missouri should be more stringent regarding marriage. The age limit should not only be raised, but young people without sufficient income and prospects of steady work should be prohibited from marrying," continued Mr. Major. Old clothing as well as food, is distributed by the Charity Organization Society. Anyone having old clothing still suitable for wear will be helping some deserving person by sending it to the society's office in the Nowell Building.

HAS NOTE OF DANIEL BOONE

Columbia Dentist Owns Other Documents, Dated 1817 and 1797.

Carefully laid away in the safe of R. M. Burgess, a Columbia dentist, are three documents of great age, including a note signed by Daniel Boone, the famous pioneer.

The Boone note reads: "Received of Joseph Bryan of Kentucky, Jefferson County, twenty dollars, it being the full amount of the estate left me by Joseph Bryan, deceased, of the same state and county aforesaid. Rec'd. by me November 22nd, 1811. Attest: Stephen W. Calloway. Signed: Daniel Boone."

Notes, dated 1817 and 1797, promising to pay small sums of money, are signed by Godfrey Ragsdale and Morgan Linwell. They show the value set upon a small sum of money at that early date.

IS A FRAT AND SORORITY STORY

Musical Comedy, "My Divinity," at Christian College March 1.

"My Divinity," the musical comedy to be presented by students in the school of expression of Christian College, Monday night, March 1, is a story of fraternity and sorority life. The music was written by Miss Jeanne Boyd, a Chicago music teacher, who is to take her master's degree there in music this year.

Some of the members of the cast are: Misses Doris Schilling, Elizabeth Metcalf, Beatrice Patt, Miriam Murphy, Alma Frazier, Kathryn Kerr, Naidine Moore, Anne Hickman, Estelle Shoffner, Kathleen McKay, Marie Dickson, Martha Schwabe, Eloita Stidham, Mary Morris, Elizabeth Hertig, Esther Marshall, Margaret Hutchings, George Alice Sheeks, Amy Schrock, Mary Hatton and Lena Brown.

CHICAGO APARTMENT BURNS

100 Occupants Flee in Nightclothes During Howling Gale.

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—One hundred occupants of an apartment at Garfield boulevard and Halstead street fled in their nightclothing during a howling gale off Lake Michigan, when fire destroyed the building. The loss was \$200,000. Many persons were carried down ladders unconscious.

Asks Divorce and Care of Children.

Mrs. Clara Ann Hickam of Columbia brought suit in the Circuit Court today asking a divorce from H. N. Hickam and the custody of their two children, Josephine, aged 9, and Margaret, aged 4. She charges drunkenness and non-support.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair, continued tonight and Thursday; temperature tonight about 28.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.
The low-pressure area, with its accompanying cloudiness and precipitation, is moving northward, and is this morning central in Lake Ontario. The storm's influence, however, still is felt as far south as Florida and west to Missouri and Iowa. A ridge of high pressure is drifting slowly eastward from the Eastern Rocky Mountain slope, attended by clear, cool weather. Rains have been general over the eastern half of the country, and along the Pacific coast, with some snow in the mountains. Temperatures are not markedly abnormal anywhere for the time of the year; the freezing line touches Western Missouri and thence runs southwest to Texas. In Columbia fair, snappy weather will prevail for the next two days, with a slight freeze at night.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 37 and the lowest last night was 25; precipitation .00. A year ago yesterday the highest was 17 and the lowest 11; precipitation, .17 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 6:49 a. m. Sun sets, 5:56 p. m.

The Temperatures.
Feb. 24-25.—Basketball games, Tigers vs. Jayhawkers, Rothwell Gymnasium, at 8 o'clock Wednesday and Thursday nights.
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SPEAKS ON USE OF ALCOHOL

Prof. A. W. Taylor Tells of Its Effect on Mental Efficiency.

"Alcohol and Mental Efficiency" was the subject of the second of a series of lectures on the liquor problem by Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Missouri Bible College at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium last night. The lecture was illustrated with slides giving statistics.

"Drink dulls the senses, impairs alertness judgment and ability to decide quickly," said Professor Taylor. "And thus the man who drinks is much more liable to accidents."

"That drink lessens mental efficiency is now becoming generally recognized. Statistics show that 77 per cent of all establishments consider the use of liquor before employing a man. In certain industries the percentage runs much higher than others. But in practically all cases where the use of liquor is considered, total abstinence is demanded. The Fidelity Accident Insurance Company is now advising every employer not to permit drinking during working hours, to permit no employee under the influence of liquor to work nor to allow any drinker to operate dangerous machinery."

From data kept by a Massachusetts hospital Doctor Taylor showed that alcohol is used less by physicians than formerly. The use of alcoholic drugs is disappearing from the practice of medicine, since it has been discovered that alcohol is not a stimulant but a narcotic.

In discussing the relation between alcohol and degeneracy, the speaker said the child of the drunkard does not actually inherit the appetite for liquor, but often does inherit a nervous make-up which makes it impossible to resist temptation.

Statistics were given showing how alcohol impairs the memory and causes feeble-mindedness and insanity. It has shown that nearly 70 per cent of 300 families who were dependent upon charity, came into this condition through the effects of drunkenness.

"About two-thirds of the drinkers acquire the habit between the ages of 16 and 21," said Professor Taylor. "Sociability and the social drink is the cause in most cases. In South Dakota a law was recently passed which puts a stop to treating, and this is aimed at the real cause of the formation of the habit in many cases."

Professor Taylor will talk on the social effects of alcohol in the next lecture, the date of which will be announced later.

154,000 WOMEN CAST VOTE

77 Per Cent of Chicago's Suffragists Who Registered Go to Polls.

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—More than 154,000 women voted in the mayoralty primary here yesterday. The number comprises 77 per cent of the total number of women registered.

The Democratic party nominated Swezer over Harrison, the present incumbent of the office.

M. U. Executive Board Meets Today.
The Executive Board of the University of Missouri met this afternoon.

COUNCIL WILL MOVE ALL CINDERS FREE

Civic League Gets Offer From City in Its Clean-Up Campaign.

HEALTHY BY LUCK

Dr. Ravenel Says Columbia's Isolation Protects It From Disease.

A solution of the what-to-do-with-the-cinders problem was offered to members of the Civic League at the meeting yesterday afternoon. The Streets Committee of the City Council needs cinders to put on the streets in the north part of town, according to the report of the Health Committee of the League. An arrangement has been made whereby a property owner may have cinders carried away without cost to him, merely by having them put in the alley and notifying a member of the City Council.

The City Beautiful Committee has met with the retail merchants who are in through cooperation with their plans to make Columbia an attractive place. The merchants will be asked to give small prizes in the contest that is being planned for the school children.

Mrs. M. P. Thompson was elected to represent the Civic League at the mass meeting Thursday afternoon to promote the building of a public library.

A committee chosen from the members of the health and city beautiful committees will be appointed to finance and publish a bulletin setting forth the work of the Civic League.

"That Columbia has little to complain of in the way of contagious diseases is merely a matter of good luck," said Dr. M. P. Ravenel in a talk to the members of the Civic League. "Columbia has no school inspection, which by correcting physical deficiencies in children, puts them in a position to learn and prevents the spread of epidemics. Columbia has no water inspection, and is potentially in danger of an epidemic from the reservoir. The Board of Health has neither power nor money, and its advice and suggestions may be overruled by the mayor."

"The possibility of the prevention of disease when the germ is known is readily admitted, and the chief factor in such prevention is always cleanliness," said Dr. Ravenel, "Columbia has many natural advantages; its very isolation protects it from contagious diseases, but there is a possibility of its developing into a city with the machinery of a village. Columbia needs to stop causes rather than to repair results. The question is whether Columbia shall have a fence at the top of the cliff, or an ambulance below in the valley."

RAT LIVED ON POISON DIET

Thrived on Strychnine But Died When Fed Ordinary Food.

A rat which has eaten enough poison to kill the entire population of Columbia is dead. Death was caused by a return to a non-poison diet.

Several weeks ago D. J. Sullivan, technician in the biology department, noticed that the rats in the botany greenhouse seemed to thrive on the poison set out for them.

Wishing to experiment he trapped one of the rats and fed it upon poisoned grain. The first day the rat ate five grains of corn soaked for twenty-four hours in a saturated solution of cyanide of potassium. The next day it ate over a five grain meal of strychnine. The dose was gradually strengthened until the rat ate sixteen grains soaked in cyanide and eight covered with strychnine. Common rat biscuit and "rough on rats" he scorned.

One day Mr. Sullivan found that he had used all his poisoned corn, and for a full day the rat was fed on ordinary foods. The next morning when Mr. Sullivan opened the cage to give his pet a treat of a slice of bread thickly covered with arsenic the rat was dead—the return to common food had been too great a change; and his heart had been unable to withstand the shock.

The organs of the animal will be examined to see why it was able to live and grow fat upon the deadly diet.

Five Dead in East St. Louis Fire.

By United Press.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—John Stutzman, a collector, and his four children were burned to death when their home in East St. Louis was destroyed this morning.